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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
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SUBJECT: "EXILED" AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO PRAGUE RUMORED TO
BE IN MOSCOW

1. WIDESPREAD LOCAL REPORTS, SO FAR UNCONFIRMED,
CONTEND THAT THE NEW AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO CZECHO-
SLOVAKIA, BABRAK KARMAL, DID NOT GO TO PRAGUE
FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE FROM AFGHANISTAN, BUT
STOPPED OFF IN MOSCOW WHERE HE REMAINS. FURTHER-
MORE, THESE STORIES CLAIM THAT BABRAK, LEADER OF
THE PARCHAMIST FACTION OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S DEMO-
CRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN (PDPA), HAS SUBMITTED
HIS RESIGNATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAQI, IN ORDER TO
MOUNT SOME SORT OF COUNTERACTION AGAINST THE KHALQIST REGIME
WHICH "EXILED" HIM AND MANY OF HIS PARCHAMIST COLLEAGUES
TO DISTANT AMBASSADORSHIPS. ONE VERSION OF THE STORY
ASSERTS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE HOLDING BABRAK IN
MOSCOW UNDER COERCION SPECIFICALLY TO PREVENT
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HIM FROM UNDERTAKING ANY ACTION WHICH COULD ADD
TO THIS REGIME'S INSTABILITY AND DAMAGE ITS
BENIGN POLITICAL IMAGE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE HEARD ANOTHER
REPORT THAT BABRAK IS COOLING HIS HEELS AT PRAGUE, WAITING
TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS.

2. FOR PRAGUE: WOULD YOU PLEASE VERIFY WHETHER BABRAK

HAS, IN FACT, ARRIVED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA? IF HE HAS NOT,
COULD YOU PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING
HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS?
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